



# Reopening the Apalachicola Bay Oyster Fishery

Hope, Heritage, and the Return of Oystering

# More Than an Industry

- Generations of oyster fishers
- A cultural identity
- A community built on the bay



# A Necessary Pause

- Fishery closed in 2020
- Years of restoration
- Many fishers adapted, relocated, or left the industry



# After 5 Years, The Boats Returned

**Oysters return to Apalachicola, reviving hope for Florida harvesters**

**Florida to reopen bay nationally known for its oysters**

**Limited Apalachicola oyster season delivers 'a breath of fresh air'**

**This once iconic oyster industry crashed. Soon, harvesting will begin again.**

Florida's Apalachicola Bay once supplied more than 90 percent of the state's oysters. But it has been off-limits to harvesting for five years. That changes Jan. 1.

**Oyster harvesting is having a positive impact in Apalachicola Bay**

**Return of the Apalachicola Oyster**

**The Iconic Oysters You Need To Try When Visiting Florida**

**A taste of tradition returns as iconic Florida oyster waters reopen**

**Apalachicola starts 2026 with long-awaited return of oyster harvesting**

# Voices of Resilience



# A Working Bay Supports a Regional Economy



**NEW AT SIX**

**OYSTER HARVESTING BACK OPEN IN APALACHICOLA**  
BACK AFTER A 5 YEAR PAUSE

# A Carefully Managed Return

- Limited season, sustainable harvest
- Restoration continues
- A hopeful step forward – resilience is possible

